

PARKLET PROJECT

Consultation Report - No Change



What is our proposal

Implement a major Project for the community of North Vancouver while using shipping containers as the new design of Parklets. Our goal is to build an inclusive space where everyone feels at home. Those involved include: the City of North Vancouver, local businesses BIG and SMALL, community members with hidden talent and involving youth. The decision is to implement permanent parklets while using the talents of the community to help with the construction. In addition, we have to keep contracts with supporting businesses simple and the parklets for free as long as they agree to pay for maintenance costs per the contract.

Why this works

Since we live in Vancouver seasonality is a huge issue when using parklets. In order for the community to be able to use parklets year round, they must be protected from the elements. Shipping containers will provide a way to protect from the elements, such as rain, snow, and wind. In addition, it will provide a way to flourish off the talents of the community and further their involvement in the project. When visiting the current parklet on 5th and Chesterfield you can tell that the community feels it belongs to them. Passerbys were cleaning up the parklet and fixing chairs as if it were their own homes.

Outcomes

The outcomes of our proposal are the successful creation of permanent, shipping container parklets. This would include the implementation of the entire project, from community involvement in the construction to the final product. The final product should give the community a sense of belonging and pride, knowing they had helped erect the parklet. In addition, it will provide the City of North Vancouver an enhance visual image and further help the City prosper.

Measuring Success

The City of North Vancouver can use Eco Counter's, Pyro, to track usage of the parklets. Using the information gathered they can benchmark locations to find better performing locations and implement permanent parklets. The sensors are weather proof, IP68 rated and able to function in -40 to 40 degrees Celsius. In addition, we recommend conducting surveys in the community to gain an understanding of how the residents feel about the parklet. This could be done monthly for the first year of operation.

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